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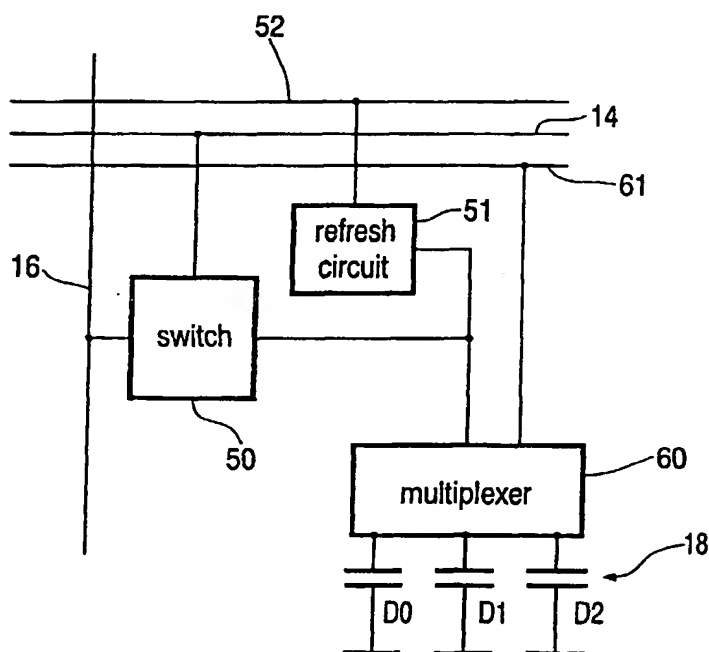
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(57) Abstract: An active matrix device includes a plurality of display elements 10 including a data storage node 18, 72 for storing data in the form of charge on a capacitor 72 and/or capacitive element 18. Refresh circuitry 51 is provided to refresh the data storage node, for example including temporary storage circuit 55 and drive circuit 56.

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1. claims: 1-5,13-17

The first concept concerns an active matrix device with an array of matrix elements, each matrix element having at least a storage node, which has a capacitance, refresh circuitry for refreshing the data stored on the storage node,

and wherein the refresh circuitry comprises

- a temporary storage circuit for storing the data and
 - a storage node driving circuit including an inverter for driving the storage node with the inverse of the data stored in the temporary storage circuit.

2. claims: 1,6

The second concept concerns an active matrix device with an array of matrix elements, each matrix element having at least a storage node, which has a capacitance, a refresh circuitry for refreshing the data stored on the storage node,

and wherein each matrix element includes

- an address switch controlled by an address line connected between a column line and the storage node,
 - a storage switch for connecting the storage node to a storage node drive circuit,
 - a refresh switch for connecting the storage node to a temporary storage circuit,
- the control terminals of the storage switch and the refresh switch being connected to a common refresh line.

3. claims: 1,7-12

The third concept concerns an active matrix device with an array of matrix elements, each matrix element having at least a storage node, which has a capacitance, a refresh circuitry for refreshing the data stored on the storage node,

and a plurality of data storage capacitances for storing a plurality of bits of data per matrix element.

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